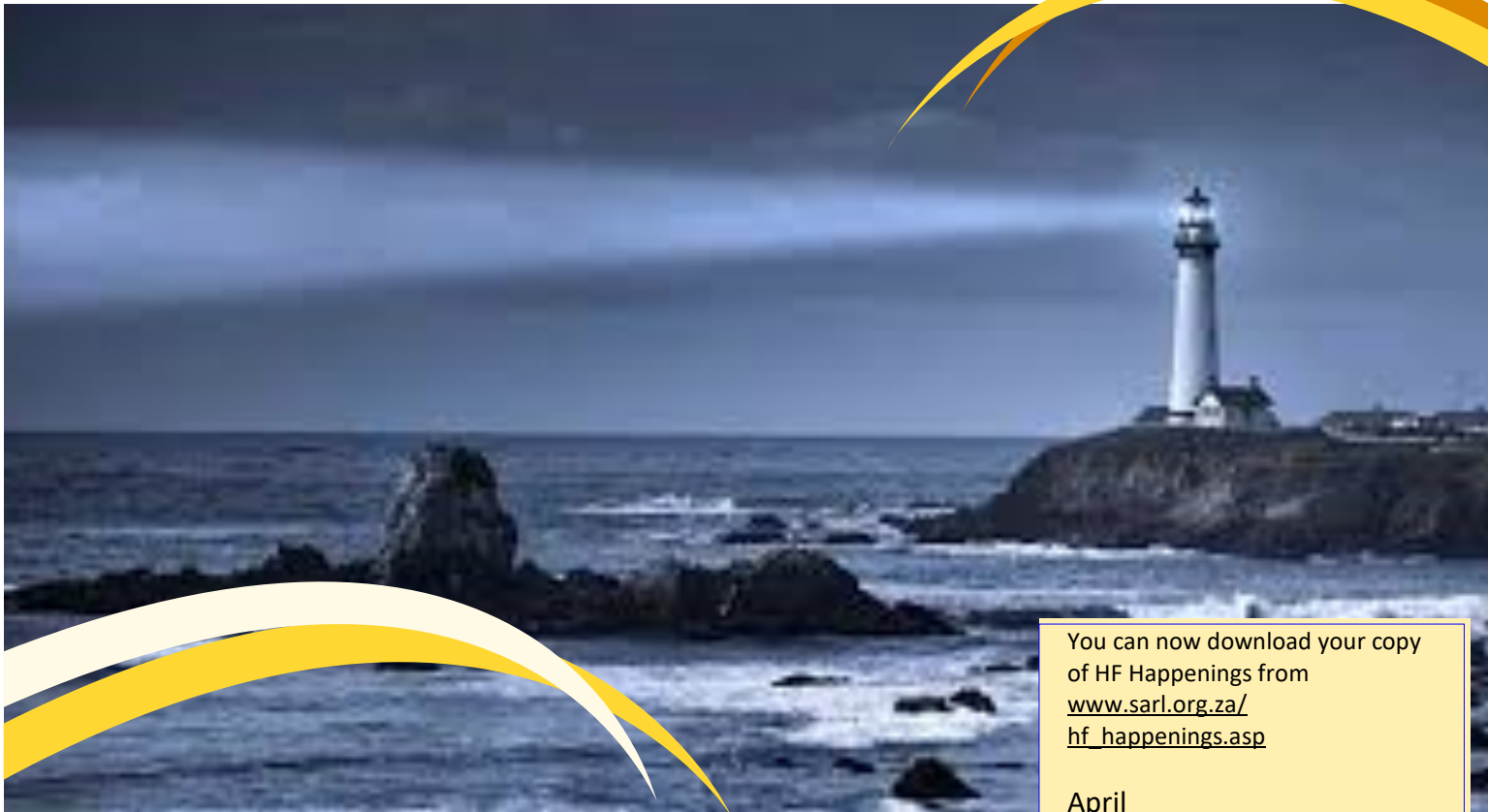


# HF Happenings 747

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## SARL Hamnet 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest

The provisional results of the SARL Hamnet 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest have been announced.

Category A: Single Operator, stationary mobile.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Philip van Tonder, ZS6PVT, 1 440 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Smith, ZS6KVN, 144 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lucas Swart, ZS6ACT, 4 points

Category B: Single operator, portable

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Jones, ZS6BV, 900 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Akers, ZS2U, 744 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Higgs, ZU2GH, 24 points

Category C: Multi operator, portable

- 1<sup>st</sup> Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society, ZS2PE, 120 points

Category D: Single operator, Base station

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 2 380 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamnet, New Germany, ZS5DCC, 1 638 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Arthur Duvenhage, ZS5DUV, 1 386
- 4<sup>th</sup> Geoff Levey, ZS6C, 1 278 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Roy Walsh, ZS3RW, 1 044 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC, 994 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sean Pritchard, ZS5X, 975 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bill Hodges, ZS2ABZ, 300 points

You can now download your copy of HF Happenings from [www.sarl.org.za/hf\\_happenings.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/hf_happenings.asp)

## April

to 9 April - Stars of Sandstone, Ficksburg

1 - **RaDAR Challenge**; April Fools Day

6 - van Riebeeck Day; **SARL 80 m QSO Party**

8 - **Autumn QRP Sprint**

8 to 15 Klein-Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees

11 to 17 - Pesach

13 - Holy Thursday

14 - Good Friday

14 to 16 - Slow festival, Sedgfield

15 - RAE Registration closes; Two Oceans Marathon

16 - Easter Sunday

17 - Family Day

18 - **World Amateur Radio Day**; All Schools open

21 to 29 joBerg2C

22 - SARL Noise Floor Workshop

23 - **ZS4 Sprint**

24 - Isra and Mi'raj; Closing date for articles for the May Radio ZS

24 to 30 - AfrikaBurn, Tankwa Karoo

27 - Freedom Day

27 to 30 - Karoo Food Festival,

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9<sup>th</sup> Chad Mileham, ZS6OPS, 260 points

10<sup>th</sup> Michael Wolffe, ZS1CO, 144 points

Congratulations to the category winners.

## The SARL VHF/UHF Contest

The provisional results of the SARL VHF/UHF Contest have been announced. Congratulations to the winners

### Contest winners 1st Leg

1<sup>st</sup> Carl Minne, ZS6CBQ, 132 003 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Coates, ZS6BUN, 95 996 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Christo Greyling, ZS6AUI/4, 95 354 points

### Base station Unlimited - Analogue and Digital

1<sup>st</sup> Dick Coates, ZS6BUN, 95 996 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Harry Holtzhausen, ZR6AMC, 9 861 points

### Base station Limited A - Analogue only

1<sup>st</sup> Carl Minne, ZS6CBQ, 132 003 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Jacques Louw, ZS4WW, 29 878 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Pierre Lindeque, ZS4PF, 33 693 points

### Base station Limited 4 Hours

Koos Greyvenstein, ZS6KSG, 34 276 points

### Base station Limited A - Digital only

Pieter Jacobs, V51PJ, 64 565 points

### Field station Unlimited

Christo Greyling, ZR6AUI/4, 95 354 points

### Field station Limited 4 hours - Multi Operators

Derrick du Plessis, ZS1CRG, 9 487 points

## DXCC News (No April Fooling!!!)

On Friday 31 March, the ARRL Web page posted the following: "Midway and Kure Islands are Now Deleted DXCC Entities." Yep, it is true and effective 26 August 2016. Read the complete press release at <http://www.arrl.org/news/midway-and-kure-islands-are-now-deleted-dxcc-entities>

Midway and Kure Islands (KH4 and KH7) are now deleted DXCC entities. This deletion being triggered by some very specific (picky) rules of the DXCC program and by a governmental change last year that expanded national lands in Hawaii. Based on the rules, Midway (KH4) had been an entity because it was governed by a separate administration. With the expansion of national lands, this is no longer the case. Kure Island (KH7) is an uninhabited bit of land separated from Hawaii by Midway Island. That was good enough to make it a separate entity for DXCC purposes, but the change in Midway status changes Kure and both are now officially deleted entities.

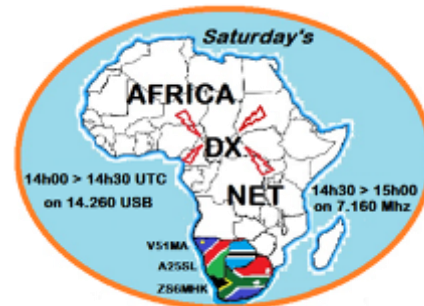
## 4U1UN Reactivation Continues

It was reported this past week on QRZNOW.com - United Nations Headquarters Amateur Radio club station 4U1UN (\*) representatives are still in talks with the UN Department of Public Information with an eye toward permanently reactivating the station. Although within the geographical confines of New York City, 4U1UN qualifies as a separate DXCC entity.

"Hopefully we'll have an opportunity to plead our case to the new administration as well. Keep your fingers crossed," said a post this week on the club's Facebook page (\*\*). "4U1UN might be back on the air soon!"

Earlier in March, the club alerted its Facebook page visitors to reports that a pirate identifying as 4U1UN was operating on RTTY. The station was on the air for real in

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### Cradock

28 - School Holiday

28 and 29 Prince Albert Town and Olive Festival

29 and 30 - Haenertsburg Food, Wine and Beer Festival; Pringle Bay Village Festival

30 - Knysna Motor Show

## 3Y0Z Bouvet DXpedition Update

It was announced on the 3Y0Z Web page <http://www.bouvetdx.org>, 27 March, that Franz, DJ9ZB, will be unable to join us in the Bouvet DXpedition. We enjoyed working with Franz on Malpelo and regret losing him. Many of you know Pista, HA5AO, who will now be joining our team. Pista is well known for his previous DXpeditions, innovative talents, humanitarian projects, problem solving abilities and operating skills. It is a pleasure to have him with us on the Bouvet Island DXpedition.

There is an interesting article about Bouvet Island on the Norwegian Polar Institute Web page at [www.npolar.no/en/themes/geology/antarctica/bouvetoya.html](http://www.npolar.no/en/themes/geology/antarctica/bouvetoya.html)

## Clublog's Most Wanted List

The Most Wanted List was updated on 31 March and can be viewed at <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>. The top ten most wanted DXCC entities are:

1. P5 DPRK (North Korea)
2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island
3. FT5/W Crozet Island
4. KH1 Baker Howland Islands
5. BS7H Scarborough Reef
6. CE0X San Felix Islands
7. BV9P Pratas Island
8. KH3 Johnston Island
9. VK0M Macquarie Island
10. KH7K Kure Island (refer to DXCC News opposite)

Added Note: Rich, KY6R, Co-organizer of the 2016 VK0EK Heard Island DXpedition, sent out the following press

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2015. To commemorate the UN's 70th anniversary that autumn, 4U1UN operated as 4U70UN from a station set up at a ground-level garden area within the UN Headquarters complex.

\* <http://www.4u1un.net>

\*\* [www.facebook.com/United-Nations-Amateur-Radio-Club-4U1UN-169357566427247/timeline](https://www.facebook.com/United-Nations-Amateur-Radio-Club-4U1UN-169357566427247/timeline)

## African DX

Mauritania, 5T. Jean, 5T0JL, will be using the special callsign 5T3MM between 12 and 18 April. Activity will include the CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest (15 and 16 April). QSL via PY4KL.

Namibia, V5. Stefan, HB9JAB, will be active as V51/HB9JAB from Namibia between 18 April and 8 May. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using a Yaesu FT-891 HF transceiver and ATAS Antenna installed on the bush camper. QSL via eQSL or LoTW.

Djibouti, J2. Dane, S53T is licensed as J28ND while on work assignment. His license is valid until 2019. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands and 6 metres using SSB and RTTY. QSL via S57DX.

Botswana, A2. Alessandro, IW5ELA, will be active as A25AL from the Okavango Area in Botswana sometime in September 2017. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign. Look for more details to be forth- coming.

## African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Chagos Island, VQ9. Jeremy, N1ZZZ will be active as VQ9ZZ and VQ9ZZ/mm from Diego Garcia Island, IOTA AF-006, from April to June. Activity will be on 20 and 17 metres using SSB and various digital modes. QSL direct to home call.

Cape Verde, D4. Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as D44TWO from Praia, Santiago Island (AF-005) between 3 May and 8 June. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He states that he works mostly on the Digital modes (PSK31, JT65 and RTTY) and slow CW. Equipment is a FT-450D into a home-made HEX Beam and a dipole for 40 metres. QSL via M00XO (OQRS available).

Added Note: Harald announced the following DXpedition for 2017 - October (TBA) - He returns to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, to be active as XT2AW and 15 to 30 November - He returns to Kigali, Rwanda, to be active as 9X2AW

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 3 to 10 April 2017

IQRP Quarterly Marathon  
08:00 UTC 3 April to 20:00 UTC 9 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB, Digital  
Bands: All  
Classes: Single Op  
Max power: 5W  
Exchange: RS(T)  
Work stations: Once per mode  
QSO Points: 2 points per CW QSO; 1 point per SSB/Digital QSO  
Multipliers: km/100 of QSO with maximum distance  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x distance mult  
Submit logs by: 23 April 2017  
E-mail logs to: [iqrpclub@arimontebelluna.it](mailto:iqrpclub@arimontebelluna.it)

Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [http://www.arimontebelluna.it/news/news\\_maratona\\_uk.htm](http://www.arimontebelluna.it/news/news_maratona_uk.htm)

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW  
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 3 April  
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: United Kingdom  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: (none)  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: (see rules)

release after the new ClubLog List was posted. Heard Island Drops to #25 on the Clublog Most Wanted List!

When I asked an NCDXF Board Member what he thought the biggest measure of success was for a DXpedition, he said "A significant achievement is for a DXpedition to work Uniques in the 20 – something percentile range".

I am also very glad to see that the drop in the position on the Most Wanted List – curated by Clublog, (the de-facto standard) is now 25, which is 20 positions lower than a year ago. That is something that I hoped to see – to drop to #25 or lower.

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Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 4 April 2017

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2017/r80mcc.shtml>

#### ARS Spartan Sprint

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 4 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Skinny; Tubby

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

Submit logs by: 6 April 2017

E-mail logs to: [spartansprint@yahoo.com](mailto:spartansprint@yahoo.com)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://arsqrp.blogspot.com/2009/02/so-whats-spartan-sprint-and-how-do-i.html>

#### Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 5 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band;

Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 7 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.perluma.com/>

[Phone Fray Contest Rules.pdf](#)

#### CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 5 April and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 6 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 8 April 2017

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

#### UKEICC 80 m Contest

20:00 - 21:00 UTC 5 April

Geographic Focus: Europe

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op Connected - QRP, low or high; Single Op

Unconnected - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 4-Character grid square

QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if

low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 5 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://logs.ukicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ukicc.com/which-contest/which-contest-ukeicc-80-m-contests-rules>

#### SARL 80 m QSO Party

17:00 - 20:00 UTC 6 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: Call sign, RS and operators name

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with South African station; 15 points per QSO with non-South African station

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 13 April 2017

E-mail logs to: [zs5lp@vodamail.co.za](mailto:zs5lp@vodamail.co.za)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.sarl.org.za/Web3/Members/DoDocDownload.aspx?X=20161222085537waqSliCvbT.PDF>

#### NRAU 10 m Activity Contest

17:00 - 18:00 UTC (CW) and 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (SSB) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (FM) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 6 April (Dig)

Geographic Focus: Nordic Europe

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB, FM, Digital

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RS(T) and 6-character grid square

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 20 April 2017

Upload log at: [http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit\\_log.php?lang=en](http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.nrau.net/activity-contests/below-30mhz.html>

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#### NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 7 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

#### NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 7 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

#### JIDX CW Contest

07:00 UTC 8 April to 13:00 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: Japan

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single

Band - low or high; Multi-Single; Maritime Mobile

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W

Exchange: JA: RST and Prefecture No; non-JA: RST and CQ Zone no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 4 points per JA-DX QSO on 160 m; 2 points per JA-DX QSO on 80 m; 1 points per JA-DX QSO on 40, 20, 15 m; 2 points per JA-DX QSO on 10 m

Multippliers: JA Stations: DXCC countries and CQ zones once per band; non-JA Stations: JA prefectures plus JD1/O, JD1/MT, JD1/OT once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 May 2017

E-mail logs to: [cw@jidx.org](mailto:cw@jidx.org)

Mail logs to: JIDX CW Contest, c/o Five-Nine Magazine, PO Box 59, Kamata, Tokyo 144-8691, Japan

Find rules at: <http://www.jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html>

#### SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

12:00 UTC 8 April to 24:00 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or NONE

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multippliers: Each state, province, or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 16 April 2017

Post log summary at: [http://www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekend\\_sprintathon/submit-display.php](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [http://www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekend\\_sprintathon/](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/)

#### OK/OM DX SSB Contest

12:00 UTC 8 April to 12:00 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single; Multi-Two; SWL

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: OK/OM: RS and 3-letter district code; non-OK/OM: RS and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: OK/OM-Station: 2 points per QSO with same country; OK/OM-Station: 3 points per QSO with different country, same continent; OK/OM-Station: 5 points per QSO with different continent; non-OK/OM: 10 points per QSO with OK/OM station; non-OK/OM: 1 point per QSO same country; non-OK/OM: 3 points per QSO with different country, same continent; non-OK/OM: 5 points per QSO with different continent

Multippliers: Each OK/OM county once per band; Each country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 16 April 2017

Upload log at: <http://okomdx.crk.cz/index.php?page=send-log>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://okomdx.crk.cz/index.php?page=englis>

#### QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party

12:00 UTC 8 April to 23:59 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands; Low Bands

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: RS, state, province or country and ARCI number or power

Work stations: Once per band

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QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI member; 4 points per non-member QSO with different continent; 2 points per non-member QSO with same continent

Multipliers: States, once per band; VE Provinces, once per band; Countries, once per band

Power Mult:  $>5W \times 1$ ,  $1-5W \times 7$ ,  $>250mW-1W \times 10$ ,  $>55mW-250mW \times 15$ ,  $\leq 55mW \times 20$

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x (state mults and province mults and country mults) x power mult

Submit logs by: 23 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://www.qrpcontest.com/qrparki/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://qrparki.org/>

#### New Mexico QSO Party

14:00 UTC 8 April to 02:00 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op; Mobile Single Op; Mobile Multi-Op

Max power: HP:  $>150$  watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: NM: Name and county; non-NM: Name and state, province or country

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/Digital QSO; Mobile Bonus: 5 000 points per county from which at least 15 QSOs

Multipliers: NM Stations: Each county, state, province, DXCC country once; non-NM Stations: Each NM county once  
Power:  $HP=1X$ ,  $LP=2X$ ,  $QRP=5X$

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults x power mult) and mobile bonus points

Submit logs by: 22 April 2017

E-mail logs to: [logs@newmexicoqsoparty.org](mailto:logs@newmexicoqsoparty.org)

Mail logs to: (see rules)

Find rules at: <http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/>

#### Texas State Parks on the Air

14:00 UTC 8 April to 02:00 UTC 9 April and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: All

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op TX Park - QRP or low; Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single TX Park - QRP or low; Multi-Multi TX Park - QRP or low

Max power: QRP: 10 watts; LP: 150 watts; HP:  $>150$  watts

Exchange: TX Park: RS(T) and park abbreviation; W/VE: RS(T) and state or province; DX: RS(T) and DX

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per CW/digital QSO; 1 points per phone QSO

Multipliers: Each TX park once

Power: QRP: 3X, Low: 2X, High: 1X

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x power mult

Submit logs by: 31 May 2017

E-mail logs to: [logs@tspota.com](mailto:logs@tspota.com)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [http://www.tspota.org/index.htm/files/TSPOTA\\_Rules%202017%2002%2013.pdf](http://www.tspota.org/index.htm/files/TSPOTA_Rules%202017%2002%2013.pdf)

#### Georgia QSO Party

18:00 UTC 8 April to 03:59 UTC 9 April and 14:00 - 23:59 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW/Digital, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m

Classes: Single Op - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high;

Multi-Single - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-

Multi - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Rover Single

Op - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Rover Multi-Op

- CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP:  $>150$  W; LP: 150 W; QRP: 5 W/10 W

Exchange: GA: RST and county; non-GA: RST and state, province or DX

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO

Multipliers: GA Stations: Each state and DC and VE province/territory once per mode; non-GA Stations: each GA county once per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 15 May 2017

E-mail logs to: [gqpadmin@ku8e.com](mailto:gqpadmin@ku8e.com)

Mail logs to: John Laney, K4BAI, PO Box 421, Columbus, GA 31902-0421, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.georgiaqsoparty.org/>

#### Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest

21:00 UTC 8 April to 21:00 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, Satellites

Classes: Single Op Multi-Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single; SWL

Exchange: RST and ITU Zone No

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same country; 3 points per QSO with different country on same continent; 4 points per QSO with different continent; 100 points per satellite

QSO; 3 x QSO points on 160/80 m, 2 x QSO points on 40 m

Multipliers: ITU zones once per band; QSO with special stations once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 May 2017

E-mail logs to: [gc17@bk.ru](mailto:gc17@bk.ru)

Upload log at: [http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit\\_log.php?lang=en](http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://gc.qst.ru/en/section/32>

#### International Vintage HF Contest

07:00 - 11:00 UTC and 13:00 - 19:00 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

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Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB, AM

Bands: 80, 40, 20m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op CW; Single Op SSB;  
Single Op AM; Multi-Op All Band; Multi-Op Single Band; SWL

Exchange: RS(T) and 4-character grid square

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO distance points

Submit logs by: 30 April 2017

E-mail logs to: [contest.log@iv3ehh.it](mailto:contest.log@iv3ehh.it)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.contestvintage.beepworld.it/rules-2012.htm>

Hungarian Straight Key Contest

15:00 - 17:00 UTC 9 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op (10 W/100 W); Multi-Op (10 W/100 W)

Exchange: RST, serial no and power code

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with category B; 3 points per QSO with category A

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 24 April 2017

E-mail logs to: [hskc@ha8kux.com](mailto:hskc@ha8kux.com)

Mail logs to: Provcis Ferenc, PO Box 620, Szeged-1 H-6701, Hungary

Find rules at: <http://hskc.ha8kux.com/>

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

00:00 – 02:00 UTC Apr 10

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 30 April 2017

## Next Week's Contests

NAQCC CW Sprint, 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 12 April

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 12 April

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00

UTC 12 April and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 13 April

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, SSB, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 12 April

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 14 April

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 14 April

Holyland DX Contest, 21:00 UTC 14 April to 21:00 UTC 15 April

ES Open HF Championship, 05:00 - 05:59 UTC and 06:00 - 06:59 UTC and 07:00 - 07:59 UTC and 08:00 - 08:59 UTC 15 April

Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest, 06:00 UTC 15 April to 05:59 UTC 16 April

CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 15 April to 23:59 UTC 16 April

YU DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 15 April to 11:59 UTC 16 April

Michigan QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 15 April to 04:00 UTC 16 April

EA-QRP CW Contest, 17:00 - 20:00 UTC (10 to 20 m) and 20:00 - 23:00 UTC 15 April (40 to 80 m) and 07:00 - 09:00 UTC (40 m) and 09:00 - 12:00 UTC 16 April (20 to 10 m)

Feld Hell Sprint, 18:00 - 21:59 UTC 15 April

Ontario QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 15 April to 05:00 UTC 16 April and 12:00 - 18:00 UTC 16 April

North Dakota QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 15 April to 18:00 UTC 16 April

WAB 3,5/7/14 MHz Data Modes, 12:00 - 14:00 UTC (RTTY) and 14:00 - 16:00 UTC (PSK) and 18:00 - 20:00 UTC (RTTY) and 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 16 April (PSK)

ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB, 18:00 - 23:59 UTC 16 April

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 17 April

Low Power Spring Sprint, 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 April

144 MHz Spring Sprint, 19:00 - 23:00 local 17 April



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